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SUBJECT: PASSPORTS - STATUS REPORT

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SUMMARY: BEARERS OF PASSPORTS CONTAINING AUTHENTICATED
ARABIC TRANSLATION INSERTS HAVE BEEN REFUSED ENTRY INTO
LAR AND REPORTEDLY COUNTRIES AGREEING TO INSERTS NOW FIND
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INSERTS CONSIDERED ONLY A TEMPORARY MEASURE UNTIL PASSPORTS CAN BE PRINTED IN ARABIC. PAKISTANIS HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY LAR IMMIGRATION SERVICE SEPARATE PIECE OF PAPER TRANSLATION EVEN THOUGH AUTHENTICATED, WILL NOT BE ACCEPTABLE. BUT EXCEPTIONS ABOUND. ENTRY IS NOW BEING PERMITTED TO MAJORITY OF BUSINESSMEN AND RESIDENT WORKERS. REFUSALS IN THESE CATEGORIES ARE SPOTTY, ARBITRARY AND INEXPLICABLE. STATUS MEMBERS OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS UNCHANGED. FEW BEING ADMITTED (NOTABLY FRENCH) ARE CONSIDERED "SPECIAL GUESTS OF LARG." ENTRY OF RESIDENT DEPENDENTS CONTINUES TO BE DISQUIETING PROBLEM. MOST FAMILY MEMBERS WHO LEFT FOR EASTER HOLIDAY ARE WAITING FOR GREEN LIGHT BEFORE ATTEMPTING ENTRY. OMISSION OF DEPENDENTS FROM "EXEMPT CATEGORIES" MAY BE A CLERICAL ERROR ON PART OF LARG AND A RECTIFYING NOTE EXPECTED SOON. END SUMMARY.

1. ALTHOUGH PASSPORT SITUATION REMAINS FLUID IT SEEMS TO BE HEADED IN RIGHT DIRECTION. ENTRY REFUSALS ARE SIGNIFICANTLY LESS NUMEROUS. REFUSALS CONTINUE TO AFFECT ALL NATIONALITIES (INCLUDING CASES OF NON- DIPLOMATIC FRENCH). SEVERAL TUNISIANS AND ALGERIANS WERE TURNED BACK BECAUSE PASSPORTS IN FRENCH. OTHER TUNISIANS WITH PASSPORTS IN ARABIC REFUSED ENTRY BECAUSE INOCULATION CARDS ONLY IN FRENCH. AMERICAN COMPANY AMOSEAS AND OASIS HAD BEEN HOLDING OFF BUT ARE NOW CALLING THEIR EMPLOYEES TO COME ON IN AND GET BACK TO THE JOB. AN ESTIMATED TWENTY PERCENT OF OIL INDUSTRIES EXPATRIATE WORK FORCE HAS BEEN AFFECTED BY NEW LARG ENTRY RULES. DEPENDENTS OUT OF COUNTRY ARE NOT YET ATTEMPTING RE- ENTRY UNTIL LARG CLARIFICATION THEIR STATUS.

2. DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS CONTINUE TO HAVE MAXIMUM INCONVENIENCE. SWISS CHARGE AND HIS FEMALE SECRETARY WERE REFUSED ENTRY AND HAVE RETURNED TO SWITZERLAND. ITALIAN EMBASSY EMPLOYEE ARRIVING BY SHIP REFUSED ENTRY. ONE OR TWO POLISH DIPLOMATS EXCLUDED. YUGOSLAV NEW ARRIVAL DIPLOMAT ADMITTED AFTER SECOND TRY AS RESULT OF PETITION SIGNED BY YUGOSLAV DOCTORS AND NURSES CONTAINING THREAT TO LEAVE LIBYA UNLESS HE ADMITTED. FIVE BRITISH EMBASSY STAFF ARE OUT OF COUNTRY ON EXTENDED EASTER BREAK. IF RE- ENTRY DENIED WILL SERIOUSLY AFFECT ABILITY OF EMBASSY TO FUNCTION.

3. REPORTEDLY THE PAKISTANIS HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY LAR
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IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES THAT INSERT TRANSLATIONS ARE UNACCEPTABLE - PASSPORTS MUST CONTAIN BASIC DATA ON A PAGE AND BE STAMPED WITH GOVERNMENT SEAL. CHAD AND NIGER PASSPORT HOLDERS ARE GIVEN TO UNDERSTAND THEY ARE ONLY BEING ADMITTED FOR THE TIME BEING - TEMPORARILY, UNTIL ARABIC IS PRINTED IN PASSPORTS. SPANISH HAVE CAVED IN AND NOW PLACE RUBBER STAMP TRANSLATION AND SEAL ON PAGE OF

PASSPORT (SIMILAR TO NATIONALIST CHINESE).

4. SWISS AIR MANAGER AT TIA REPORTS ATMOSPHERICS CONCERNING
FLIGHTS PLANS, WEATHER FORECASTS, MANIFESTS, CREW LISTS,
PASSENGER LISTS, ETC., ALL TO BE PREPARED IN ARABIC.
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